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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR
TALKING POINTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- As the President said, we would like to brief you on what we know about Libya's involvement in international terrorism -- and specifically the bombing last week in Berlin -- and to tell you what action the United States is taking against this threat.
- Less than three weeks ago, some of you came to the White House as we described how Libyan forces had repeatedly fired missiles at U.S. aircraft over international waters, and how our forces had defended themselves in a very measured and proportional manner. Unfortunately, in spite of the Gulf of Sidra action, Qadhafi continued with his plans for terrorist attacks against American citizens and facilities.
- Bill Casey will go into more detail on the solid evidence of Libya's central role in the Berlin bombing, as well as Qadhafi's plans for additional terrorist attacks against Americans.
- 'The United States has tried every possible means short of military action to convince Colonel Qadhafi to stop his outlaw behavior. Diplomacy, economic sanctions, and even military pressure have all been in vain as George will attest.

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- Some would argue that a military response only provokes Qadhafi to greater excesses. That's simply not true. We know that Qadhafi uses this as an excuse for actions he has already planned far ahead of time.
- In fact, it is our unanimous opinion that a failure to respond by the world community has encouraged Qadhafi's aggression. Only when he is made to pay an unacceptable price will he stop.
- Very shortly, American aircraft will strike terrorist facilities and headquarters in Libya, together with military facilities which support Libyan aggression. Within 48 hours, the President will send you a full report of that action. I'll let Cap and Bill Crowe elaborate on the military operation.
- (To Casey) I would like to turn the floor over to Bill, who will brief you on what we know of Libyan terrorist activity.
- (To Shultz) George Shultz will review our extensive diplomatic activity and consultations with Allies.
- (To Weinberger and Crowe) Cap and Admiral Crowe will now describe in more detail the planned military strikes.

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MTG W/CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP RE LIBYA (1)

- THANKS FOR COMING. INFORMATION EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND AFFECTS LIVES.
- HAVE CLEAR AND COMPELLING EVIDENCE IN BERLIN BOMBING.
- ATTACK ORDERED MARCH 25, ALERT MESSAGE SENT APRIL 4, AND REPORT OF ATTACK SENT APRIL 5.
- BERLIN NOT ISOLATED ATTACK. QADHAFI WAGING WORLDWIDE TERROR CAMPAIGN.
- PEACEFUL MEASURES HAVE NOT WORKED.

MTG W/CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP RE LIBYA (2)

- U.S. WILL SOON LAUNCH MILITARY STRIKES AGAINST TERRORIST TARGETS. MINIMIZE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AND AVOID ECONOMIC TARGETS.
- NEED UNITY AND BIPARTISAN SUPPORT.
- JOHN, PLEASE LEAD OFF.

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PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS

Congressional Leadership Meeting

- Thank you for coming. What I am going to tell you is extremely sensitive information that affects the lives of U.S. servicemen. I ask that you held it solely to yourselves until tomorrow.
- We have clear and compelling evidence that directly links the Qadhafi government to the Berlin bombing. We know that the Libyan People's Bureau in East Berlin was advised on March 25 to carry out an attack against Americans. On April 4, East Berlin People's Bureau alerted Tripoli to watch for results on morning of April 5. The Libyan People's Bureau in Berlin reported back to Tripoli that the "operation was successful and untraceable on the morning of April 5 at about 1:30 a.m.," the exact time of the Berlin disco bombing.
- This is not an isolated case of terrorism instigated by Qadhafi. He has engaged in a one-sided campaign of violence aimed at the civilized world.
- We have tried talking, diplomacy, economic sanctions, and demonstrations of force all with no avail. George will give you a detailed assessment of the foreign policy aspects and our efforts to gain multilateral cooperation.
- In a short time, U.S. military forces will conduct a series of air strikes at terrorist-associated targets in Libya. I will let Cap and Bill Crowe give you the military details. My guidance to them was to select and hit terrorist-related targets that will minimize to the utmost civilian casualties. We will also avoid economic targets this time.
- Given what Qadhafi already has planned, I fully expect an increase in terrorism in the short term. However, I have weighed the evidence and have deliberated over the alternatives. My conclusion is that a failure to respond will only strengthen Qadhafi and embolden him to undertake even more daring acts. We must be ready to sustain a campaign of political-military action against this international outlaw.
- Now is the time for unity. I need the bipartisan support of Congress.
- John, will you lead off.

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